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DENSE STUPIDITY

OF DELEGATE DENNIS FLYNN
ON LAND MATTERS.

IG. ORANCE DISPLAYED IN A LETTER

To a Norman Van in Which He Recently Declares the Governor Prescribes Rules for Leasing School Lands.

Everytime Dennis Flynn, delegate to congress from Oklahoma, opens his mouth he puts his foot in it. It is a well known fact that Flynn is a very ignorant fellow but it would naturally be supposed that he is posted on matters pertaining to the territory he represents.

The following letter shows the extent of his knowledge on school land matters in Oklahoma:

GUTHRIE, O. T., Nov. 25, 1893.
Ransom Jackson, Esq.,
Norman, O. T.

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 10th directed to me at Washington has reached me here. I note what you say about school lands. I do not think that those who reside upon school lands are receiving fair consideration. The matter however, is entirely within the hands of the governor. I will be only too glad to aid you in any way in my power. Yours truly,
D. T. FLYNN.

Now, the fact of the matter is, the secretary of the interior prescribes rules for the leasing of school lands and attends to all improvements. All the governor can do is to carry out the instructions of the interior department regarding the leasing and disposal of the school sections. And delegate Flynn's statement that the "matter is entirely within the hands of the governor," shows how little he knows about it.

In a measure, it is true that the school land laws should be remodelled. As the laws are at present, the lessees are not given a fair shake.

WALKER THE MAN

Appointed a Member of the Townsite Board at Santa Fe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—O. E. Walker of Santa Fe, O. T., was today appointed a member of the federal townsite board for Santa Fe. Mr. Walker is a sound, thoroughgoing business man. He takes the place of John who failed to show up.

SMEARED ITS OWN NEST.

Wichita Eagle in its report with Editorials. A dispatch from Kink says: Citizens here are indignant at the publication of matter in the Wichita Eagle, calculated to work injury to the town. The board of trade of the city has passed resolutions denouncing the publication.

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ARIZONA IN LINE.

STATEHOOD BILL RUSHED
THROUGH THE HOUSE.

NEW MEXICO ADMISSION ACT UP.

Its Passage Only Prevented by a Sudden Row as to What Was to Be Done With Oklahoma.—The Halcyon Days of the United Congress Recalled.—The McGarran Claim.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The course of events in the house yesterday resembled the halcyon days of the Reed congress, when legislation was rushed through at galloping speed. The bill for the admission of Arizona was put through under whip and spur, and the bill for the admission of New Mexico, was well under way when a wrangle over what was to be done with Oklahoma intervened and the debate thus precipitated lasted until adjournment. The bulk of the eastern opposition to the territories, as expressed by Mr. Bingham of Philadelphia, was predicated on the theory that while the Eastern states, rich in wealth and strong in population, would be able to hold their own in the house, where the basis of representation was popular, the influence of the great states of the Union would be overbalanced by the greatly increased state representation in the senate.

The McGarran claim came up again and was filibustered against, and the morning hour expired without action, time being used as in the foot of the calendar. In the course of Mr. Pendleton's speech on the subject, the fact was developed that a special order for the consideration of this claim will be asked for. General Wheeler moved to go to the committee of the whole on the Arizona statehood bill. The Republicans continued their filibustering tactics and the yeas and nays were demanded. The Republican caucus in a few from the West, refused to vote in order if possible to break a quorum. They were not successful, however, as the motion was carried by a vote of 182 to 55.

Mr. Smathers of Tennessee took advantage of a verbal amendment to make a speech on the money question. An amendment proposed by Mr. Baker of New Hampshire which reduced the percentage of the proceeds of the sale of public lands to be set aside as a permanent fund for common school purposes from ten to five, making it in this respect conform to the Utah bill, was adopted without objection.

Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, in an impassioned speech, precipitated a lively discussion of the merits of the bill. He said the house ought to stop and consider what it proposed to do when it passed this bill. It proposed to give to Arizona four sections in every range, or one-ninth the total area of the state—73,000,000 acres. In addition to that, it gave a part of the sale or the proceeds of one-tenth of the land besides several other grants of 13,000 acres.

Mr. Smith, the Arizona delegate, interrupted to declare that Arizona would get by this bill just what Iowa got. This Mr. Hepburn denied, even if Iowa, he said, had 2,000,000 inhabitants.

To a suggestion that people would leave Iowa and go to Arizona, Mr. Hepburn simply waved his hand contemptuously. "The idea that people would go from Iowa out to that arid country is preposterous," he said. "I went out there once and I never saw a green thing—unless," he added, "it were breeches." [Laughter.]

Mr. Bowers, Republican, of California, in a heated reply, drew a graphic picture of the valleys of Arizona; more fertile, he declared, than the plains of the Nile. In five years, he predicted, the population in Arizona would be increased over fourfold.

Mr. Cockrell of Texas said he was sorry the question of politics had been raised in connection with this bill. Instead of desiring to cut down the land grants in the bill, he would be glad to see all the government territory in Arizona turned over to the state.

Very few amendments were adopted. One increasing the grant of lands for state institutions as follows:—100,000 acres each for an insane asylum, penitentiary and deaf and dumb asylum and 50,000 acres for a hospital for disabled miners—was adopted. Also one striking out the sale of fees to local officials and making them conform to existing laws. Motions to consolidate the judicial districts of Utah and Arizona, and to reduce the salary of the federal judge were defeated. The Republicans generally did not refrain from voting on the final passage of the bill, although many of them voted against it. The motion was carried, 185 to 61, and the bill for the admission of Arizona was passed.

As soon as the vote was announced General Wheeler moved the house go into committee of the whole on the bill for the admission of New Mexico. The Republicans made no attempt to filibuster against the motion, which was carried without division.

General Wheeler asked to dispense with the reading of the bill. Mr. Loud suggested that there ought to be at least a show of decency in admitting states to the federal union, and he therefore objected. The debate that followed took a wide range.

General Bingham (Republican) of Pennsylvania made a speech in opposition to the policy of bringing these territories into the union. Mr. Pence of Colorado, in reply, said that he deprecated the fact that the silver question had been dragged into this discussion by Mr. Harter and that politics had been brought into it by Mr. Hepburn. He should vote for the bill as he has voted for the bills for the admission of Utah and Arizona. He felt in honor bound to do so. On the Republican side of the house, he said he found a disposition to adjourn until the morning and New Mexico if there was any guarantee that Oklahoma, which was a Republican territory, would also come into the union. There had been some hesitation about Oklahoma. He called upon General Wheeler, the chairman of the territorial committee, to say whether a bill for the admission of Oklahoma would be reported.

General Wheeler, in reply, stated the difficulty in the way of the admission of Oklahoma was the five civilized Indian tribes, whose treaties with us gave them power to prevent the admission of that territory. He said the president would probably send a commissioner to treat with the Indians.

Mr. Wilson of Washington wanted to know if it was a fact that the ultimate purpose of the Democrats was to bring Oklahoma and the Indian Territory into the Union together.

Mr. Wheeler evaded this question and Mr. Wilson declared that was the Democratic scheme. From that time until adjournment the debate turned more on what was to be done with Oklahoma than the admission of New Mexico. It was participated in by Messrs. Hatch, Simpson, Dunn, Springer, Washington and Champ Clark of Missouri. At the conclusion of Mr. Clark's speech the committee rose and the house, at 5:20, adjourned.

The Urgent Deficiency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house committee on appropriations has reported the urgent deficiency bill. The bill carries \$1,631,800. Among the items are the following: Freight on bullion and coin between mints and assay offices, \$5,000; collecting customs, 500,000; transportation of silver coin, \$40,000; fuel, light and water for public buildings, \$40,000; compensation of list of motions, \$20,000; pension office, expenses of special examiners, \$300,000; land offices, contingent expenses, \$25,000; general land office, special agents, \$15,000; general land office, inspectors, \$1,000; eleventh census, \$145,500.

Nicaragua Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, after listening to arguments by Senators Morgan of Alabama, and Frye of Maine, reported favorably the joint resolution of Representative Doolittle of Washington for the appointment of a joint commission, consisting of three senators and three members, to investigate the present status of the Nicaragua canal project.

Washington Notes.

Chairman Holman of the Democratic caucus said that it was probable the caucus on the tariff bill would not be held until after the holiday recess.

It is understood the president has decided to appoint Frank Lawler to be United States marshal for the Northern district of Illinois, which includes Chicago.

The house committee on elections has denied an extension of time for testimony in the Keontz vs. Grady case from Michigan. The vote on the Nevada case from Missouri will be taken to-day.

Several hundred dismissals in the census bureau will probably be made on January 15. The changes will be caused by the completion of the various lines of work on which the employees are now engaged.

Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, has introduced a bill providing for a commission to ascertain the number of men of African descent who are residents of the Chickasaw nation and determine their rights under existing treaties.

THREE PERSONS KILLED.

A Bridge Goes Down With a Train Near Dunkirk, N. Y.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Last night a wreck occurred on the New York and Pennsylvania six miles north of here. It resulted in the loss of three lives. Others were injured. The west-bound passenger train that leaves Buffalo at 5:30 p. m. ran over a trestle near Sheridan crossing which had been weakened by the flood, incident to the heavy rains. The trestle bore up when the engine passed over, but succumbed directly after, precipitating the tender, a baggage and smoking car into the creek. The other cars crowded the down track and helped to crush them and their occupants. Fortunately the wreck did not catch fire and the passengers were all rescued alive but one.

Interceding for Howard.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—Governor Stone is in receipt of a petition from residents of Kentucky asking that the death sentence imposed upon Wils Howard be commuted to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. Howard is under sentence to be executed in Laclede county on the 25th for the murder of a deaf mute. He is charged with more than a score of murders and numerous other crimes, and has now cost this state some \$7,000. The petitioners are not known here, and there is scarcely a doubt but what the governor will let the law take its course.

Will Join Mexican Revolutionists.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 16.—A telegram was received at the department of Colorado headquarters informing General McCook that a company of twenty-five men a Wilcox, Arizona, were arming themselves to go across the border to join the Mexican revolutionists. The troops from Fort Bowie and Fort Grant have been ordered to arrest any band of armed men moving southward.

Head-End Collision.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 16.—A disastrous head-end collision occurred on the New England road, beneath Atwell avenue bridge yesterday. The trains colliding were the Pascoag express on the Springfield division and an extra coal train. Nobody was killed outright, but twelve passengers were severely injured, some of whom are expected to die.

New Populist Paper.

MARSHALL, Mo., Dec. 16.—The Record, a new Populist paper, has been established in this city. The paper until recently was published at Cross Timbers, Hickory county, Missouri. G. W. Keller is the editor and proprietor.

TRADE STILL WAITS.

BUT THE FUTURE OUTLOOK
FOR BUSINESS IS BETTER.

R. G. DUN & CO.'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Prices for Iron Touch the Lowest Point Ever Known on Account of the Fierce Competition in the Pittsburgh District.—Heavy Failing off in Wheat Receipts.—Many Bad Failures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "It is proof of the enormous vitality of the country that while mills are stopping in every direction and the army of unemployed are larger than it has been for many years, other mills are constantly starting up to answer the demand which a single year of unprecedented disaster has only diminished. Trade still waits as much as it can, and yet the volume of business on a mere hand to mouth basis is such as would have been called good a few years ago. The fierce struggles of the Pittsburgh region for business drives prices to the lowest point ever known—\$11 for Bessemer iron and \$16.75 for steel billets takes away nearly all new work from the East and West, where depression increases.

Wheat receipts at the West have been 3,291,879 bushels against 5,348,513 the same week last year, and Atlantic exports only 595,704 against 1,879,378 last year, and the stocks in sight increased rapidly but prices declined 1 cent, with sales of only 4,600,000 bushels. Here corn receipts were very large—3,643,620 bushels—against 2,331,390 last year, and exports were fully maintained, the price yielding half a cent. Pork packing at the West exceeded last year, yet prices droop in spite of reports that hogs are proving of poor quality.

The sugar crop of Cuba is estimated at 1,000,000 tons, but prices as yet are fairly steady. Cotton receipts have been heavy, 71,000 bales larger than for the same week last year, with exports only 12,000 larger, and takings of Northern spinners decreased, but prices advanced three-sixteenths.

Failures are numerous and large, 339 for the week against 279 last year, and forty in Canada, against 230 last year, but a worse feature is their importance. The list of the week includes seven bank failures, with one of the best private banks for \$200,000, an agricultural machinery establishment for \$1,000,000, an iron works for \$50,000, a heavy tobacco dealer for \$750,000 and a dry goods concern for \$250,000, making a total of almost \$2,000,000 worth of business failures.

The reported liabilities of firms failing in the first week of December were \$2,761,409, against \$3,285,676 the previous week, including \$2,500,000 of trading and \$1,700,000 of manufacturing concerns."

A VERY BAD YEAR.

Since January Seventy-One Railways Have Become Bankrupt.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The Railway Age publishes an elaborate statement of the financial troubles of railway companies during the year. It says: "During the year now closing nearly thirteen per cent of the entire railway mileage of the United States, representing over twelve per cent of the entire capitalization, has gone into the hands of receivers. During the two years, 1892 and 1893, the companies for which receivers were appointed represent over nineteen per cent of the mileage and nearly sixteen per cent of the capital stock and bonds of all the railways in the country."

Two weeks before the close of the year, we find in the record of companies for whom receivers have been appointed since January no less than seventy-one roads, with nearly 22,000 miles of line, an outstanding bonded indebtedness of almost \$754,000,000 and capital stock aggregating over \$230,000,000, making a total of almost \$1,288,000,000 of stock and bonds from which all returns are suspended with the certainty that a large part of their value will be wiped out before the long process of the courts is ended."

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, gives the clearing house returns for the week ending December 15, 1893, and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week of 1892:

Cities	Clearings	Inc.	Dec.
Kansas City	2,747,000	10.1	20.1
Omaha	2,248,477	20.9	20.9
Denver	2,708,592	49.9	49.9
St. Joseph	1,881,107	18.1	18.1
Chicago	517,600	21.9	21.9
Wichita	539,150	2.2	2.2
Topeka	402,718	36	36

Broke His Neck.

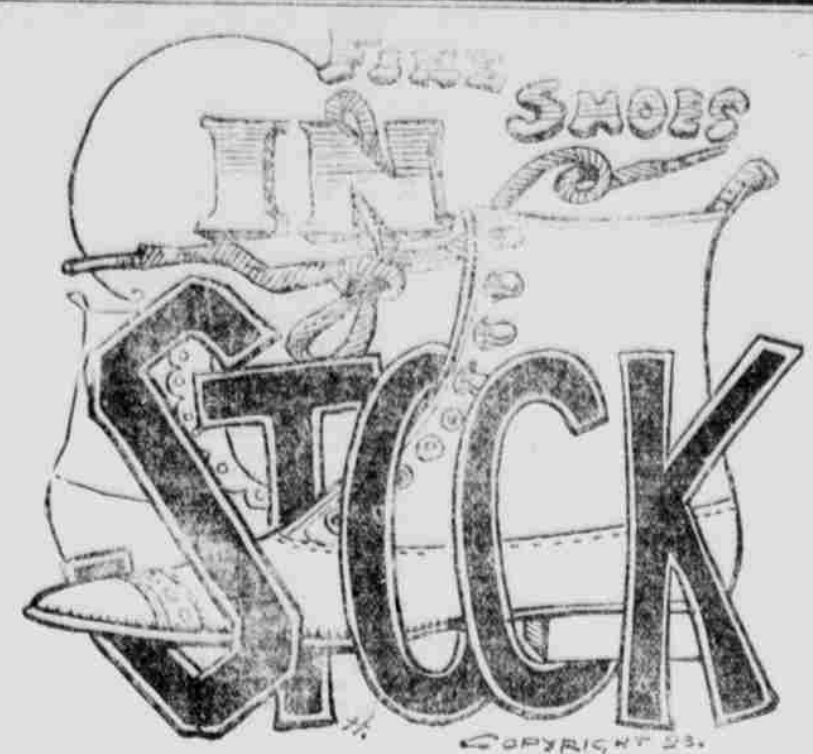
GREAT BEND, Kan., Dec. 16.—Antoine Hoenisch, an Austrian living northeast of here, was found dead near town last night with his neck broken and skull fractured. His brother lay by in a drunken stupor. Both had been on a spree and evidently fell out of the wagon while returning home. Deceased leaves a wife and five children.

Choctaw Convention Called.

CALDO, I. T., Dec. 16.—Governor Jones has issued his proclamation calling the Choctaws together in convention at the respective county seats on January 8 to discuss the advisability of dividing their lands and preparing to treat with the commission which is soon to be here and give up their tribal government.

A Verdict of Not Guilty.

SALINA, Kan., Dec. 16.—The jury in the case of the state versus A. M. Lasley returned a verdict of not guilty. Lasley, an attorney at Lyons, shot Dr. Gervé, of that city, last March. He was brought here on a charge of assault with intent to kill.



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